

Well, another great week is done and in the books. Most of the week we had Tom and Claudia Larson and Dr Marilyn and Bill Dahms here. Every day Dr Dahms would give us an update on how many bad teeth she had pulled. Sometimes people would need 1 or 2 or even 5 teeth to be pulled, this team definitely made a difference for the people around the island relieving so much pain. Many of the patients came in from out of town to be seen. I think that the most interesting patient was the guy who got into an accident over a week ago and had a broken shoulder. He came in because he had a bad tooth, but when Dr Dahms examined him it turns out his lower jaw was broken too!!! When he "closed" his mouth it wouldn't shut. Wow, that is one tough dude to walk around for a week and not even know his jaw was broken.

While all of that was going on in the dental clinic Tom replaced the tin roofing over the bathroom that was damaged during last years earthquake. The new bathroom that was built was a little bit bigger so Tom found materials and built an expanded cover for it. We also went out to the point to install a flashing light on top of the pole that Dean Stephenson put up last week. We took the extension ladder, the tools to attach the light and headed out. The only problem was that when we got out to the point... drum roll please... the pole had been taken. This was not a small pole either. It was a full size telephone pole that Dean had talked to the mayor about putting up. When we told the mayor that the pole was missing he said "I don't know why people always do things like that". Then he went on to tell about a lighthouse at the end of the island where people keep taking the batteries. I think it is one of those only in Haiti things.

The YWAM group brought the kids down from the orphanage to play in the WISH yard and I think my kids had as much fun as the orphanage kids did. Well, I think all the adults had a great time too. I saw many of them playing as much as the children were. I am including a picture of Garin with a couple of the girls who just wanted to hang out and be loved.

A huge blessing for us and one that makes our lives a whole lot easier was new tractor parts coming on Friday afternoon. A team came from S Carolina to work on the Wesleyan side and brought a replacement shift rail and gasket we needed to get the 5300 tractor working again. Saturday we got it put back together and made a couple runs up to the orphanage with water for them. This is the bigger tractor and without it we have had a hard time getting sand, gravel, or hauling any water. Not to mention how protective we have been of the one tractor that was still running. Pastor Greg is looking for more teams with strong background in construction to come this year as they will begin to build a replacement guest house on the Wesleyan compound in preparation for the new hospital.

One final note for this week. Met Frantz and his family returned to Port Au Prince on Friday. The doctors removed the drain tubes from Kaylar and did a quick check up and said she is doing fine. Thanks for all the prayers for them!

Okay, enough for now. I pray that all of you will have a great week and find a way to be a blessing to those you contact.

Rod and family